

REMARKS


The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate the multiple dependent claims in order to avoid the fee for such claims. Claims 6-7 presented herein correspond to the dependencies eliminated from the original claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE CLAIMSWHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

5 1. An elastic shaft coupling having a coupling  
element which is formed by interposing between a  
joint member and a hollow shaft member an elastic  
member for flexing and deforming upon a relative  
rotation between these members and forming stopper  
portions for restricting the relative rotation within  
a predetermined amount respectively on the joint  
member and the hollow shaft member, characterized in  
10 that:

the stopper portions on the hollow shaft member  
side are formed by plastically processing the end  
portion of the material of the hollow shaft member  
into a flange shape.

15 2. An elastic shaft coupling according to claim  
1, wherein the stopper portions on said hollow shaft  
member side are provided with ribs for reinforcement.

20 3. An elastic shaft coupling according to claim  
1 [or 2], wherein the outer diameter of the stopper  
portion on said hollow shaft member side is formed  
smaller than the outer diameter of the stopper  
portion on said joint member side.

25 4. An elastic shaft coupling according to claim  
1 [or 2], wherein the stopper portions on said joint

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member side are brought into contact with the stopper portions on said hollow shaft member side from the center thereof in accordance with said relative rotation.

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5. A method of manufacturing a coupling element which is formed by interposing between a joint member and a hollow shaft member an elastic member for flexing and deforming upon a relative rotation between these members and forming stopper portions for restricting the relative rotation within a predetermined amount respectively on the joint member and the hollow shaft member, comprising the step of:

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forming each of the stopper portions on said hollow shaft member side into the shape of a flange while applying a pressing force in the axial direction onto said hollow shaft member.

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